



Librarian's Report

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- **\$143,557:** Dollars spent on books and library subscriptions (print and online)
 - \$108,085 on looseleaf subscriptions
 - \$22,835 on textbooks

As you can see, the vast majority of our budget was spent on maintaining our looseleaf subscriptions, which continue to rise in cost each year. We also renewed our subscriptions to on-line services like Lexis Practice Advisor, RangeFindr, and DIVORCEmate.

Finally, we acquired lots of fantastic new titles for our collection (266 in fact!).

Here are some of the additions from December:

Bankruptcy

- Bennett on Bankruptcy, 20th ed
- Houlden, Morawetz & Sarra, 2017-2018 Annotated Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act

Civil Litigation

- Eltis, Courts, Litigants, and the Digital Age, 2nd ed

Criminal

- Fontana & Keeshan, The Law of Search and Seizure in Canada, 10th ed
- Bloom, Law and Mental Disorder: A Comprehensive and Practical Approach

Employment

- Lavender, 2018 Annotated Ontario Employment Standards Act

Estates

- Yach, Key Developments in Estates and Trusts Law in Ontario 2016-2017
- Schnurr, Estate Litigation, 2nd ed, volumes 1-4 (looseleaf)

2017 in Review

As we start off 2018, it's a good time to take stock of where we have been, what we've done, and what the future may hold! The following statistics paint a picture of the HLA Library's activities in 2017:

- **30,872:** Number of people who came through our doors
- **1,830:** Number of books re-shelved in the Library

- **236:** Number of books signed out
- **1,149:** Total number of questions responded to by HLA Library Staff
 - 480 received by telephone
 - 305 received by email
 - 360 received in person
 - 3 received by fax



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Do you practice Defamation Law? Have you been involved in a Defamation Dispute?
The Law Commission of Ontario wants to hear from you!

[The Law Commission of Ontario \(LCO\) has commenced public consultations in its Defamation Law in the Internet Age project.](#) The LCO's project examines the underlying purpose and function of defamation law and considers how defamation law should be updated to account for "internet speech," including social media, blogs, internet platforms and digital media. The project is the most comprehensive analysis of Ontario's defamation law framework to date.

The LCO is Ontario's leading law reform agency. Its role is to conduct research, undertake public consultations, and develop reports and recommendations to improve the effectiveness, relevance and accessibility of the law. Our work promotes access to justice and contributes to public debate. More information about the LCO can be found at www.lco-cdo.org.

The LCO is committed to a broad consultation process to reflect the full diversity of Ontarian perspectives and experiences. Currently, we are seeking to consult with practitioners who have had some experience with defamation law and individuals who have been personally involved in a defamation dispute. Confidentiality will be respected.

If you're interested in participating, please contact Project Head, Sue Gratton at sgratton@lco-cdo.org or by phone at (416) 650-8406.

Family

- Macdonald & Wilton, 2018 Annotated Ontario Family Law Act
- Macdonald & Wilton, 2018 Annotated Divorce Act
- Payne & Payne, Canadian Family Law, 7th ed
- Payne & Payne, Child Support Guidelines in Canada, 2017

Mechanics' Liens

- Glaholt, Conduct of a Lien Action 2018
- Glaholt, 2018 Annotated Ontario Construction Lien Act

Torts

- Klar, Tort Law, 6th ed

CPD Materials*HLA*

- 14th Annual Employment Law Seminar
- 17th Annual Advocacy Conference

Law Society of Ontario

- Impaired and Over 80 2017
- Securities Law Update 2017
- Six-Minute Real Estate Lawyer 2017
- Commercial Priorities for Real Estate and Business Lawyers 2017
- Bankruptcy and Fraud Recovery Law
- The Six-Minute Environmental Lawyer 2017
- 18th Annual Employment Law Summit
- Advanced Issues in Domestic Contracts in Family Law
- 20th Annual Estates and Trusts Summit (Day One)
- 20th Annual Estates and Trusts



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Summit (Day Two)

- 25th Annual Immigration Law Summit (Day One)
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- The Six-Minute Family Law Lawyer 2017

Middlesex Law Association

- Twelfth Annual Straight from the Bench: Civil Litigation Conference

Legal Research Tips*Charterpedia: New, Fabulous, and Free!*

The Department of Justice recently launched a new website called Charterpedia, which “contains information about the purpose of each section of the Charter, the analysis or test developed through case law in respect of the section, and any particular considerations related to it.” Each entry provides case citations, with hyperlinks to the full text of SCC decisions.

To check it out yourself, visit <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csjs-jc/charter-charte/check/index.html>

LexisAdvance Quicklaw: Explore Content

One of the biggest gripes we have heard (and experienced ourselves) with LexisAdvance Quicklaw is the inability to conduct a targeted, narrow search. LexisNexis has taken some steps to correct this with the new “Explore Content” menu on the homepage. You can now select a specific type of content (court cases, tribunal decisions, and Halsbury’s are available now, with more to come) and search specifically within that database. On the Advanced Search page for each content type, a variety of specific fields are available. For cases this includes name, citation, date, jurisdiction, judge, and counsel.

Getting used to a new website can be cumbersome, but it is encouraging that LexisNexis is listening to customer feedback and trying to improve this product. If you have any issues or questions about using LexisAdvance Quicklaw, feel free to contact the HLA Library to help sort them out! ■